

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain in the application. Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 5,748,980 to Lipe et al. (hereinafter “Lipe”).

For the Examiner’s convenience and reference, Applicants’ remarks are presented in substantially the same order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action. Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references.

Claims 1, 3-8, 10-17, and 19-22 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the claimed invention. The amendments are fully supported by the specification.

Response to objections to the specification

The Examiner objected to grammatical and idiomatic errors “too numerous to mention.” In addition, the Examiner urged the Applicants to correct correlations between drawings and the specifications. Applicants have therefore proof read and corrected the specification, claims, and drawings as requested. In particular, Figure 11 is added and the paragraph starting on line 4 of page 16, the paragraph starting on line 2 of page 19, the paragraph starting on line 12 of page 20, the paragraph starting on line 18 of page 22, the paragraph starting on line 1 of page 25 are

amended to cure the subject matter of the claims lacking in the drawings and description. MPEP § 608.01(l). In addition, numerous annotations are added to the drawings and referenced in the specification. Applicants submit that the amendments cure the informalities.

Response to rejections of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Lipe.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 22 to include the limitation "...a communication adapter to be enabled to the exclusion of other of the plurality of communication adapters..." Claim 1 as amended. See also claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 22. The amendment is well supported by the specification, which teaches enabling a selected communications adapter and disabling other adapters. Original specification, Page 17, Lines 11-14. Thus the present invention claims enabling a communication adapter to the exclusion of other communication adapters that are disabled.

Lipe teaches identifying the devices connected to a computer including a base station, determining the desired usage of the resources of the computer, detecting and resolving potential conflicting uses of the resources, and allocating resources for use by the devices. Lipe, Col. 3, Lines 44-50. However, Lipe is directed to configuring devices connected to a computer so that each device may be used. Lipe, Abstract. Lipe does not teach enabling a communications adapter to the exclusion of other communication adapters. Applicants therefore assert that claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are allowable as Lipe does not teach each element

of the claims.

As a result of the presented remarks, Applicants assert that independent claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 22 are in condition for prompt allowance. Applicants have not specifically traversed the rejections of dependent claims 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, but believe those claims to be allowable for depending from allowable claims. See, *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

Should additional information be required regarding the traversal of the rejections of the dependent claims enumerated above, Examiner is respectfully asked to notify Applicants of such need. If any impediments to the prompt allowance of the claims can be resolved by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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